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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Earle G. Wheeler
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : Logistics Memorandum for Secretary Laird

1. Per our telephone conversation last week, attached for your information is a copy of the note on "Communist Logistics in the Laotian Panhandle and South Vietnam" that I gave Secretary Laird at our weekly meeting on Monday, 23 March. This memorandum was prepared under the aegis of [redacted] Deputy Director of our Office of Economic Research. Our DIA colleagues were consulted during the course of the attached memo's preparation and saw it before it was typed in final form. It was, however, presented to Secretary Laird as an Agency paper, not as a joint DIA-CIA effort.

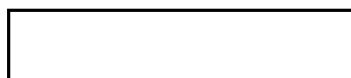
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2. As I understand it, our colleagues in DIA are in substantial agreement with most of the judgments save that they take some exception to our position in Section II (on page 2), where we explain our reservations about the feasibility of attempting to quantify the Laotian logistics flow in overall numerical terms.

3. I told the Secretary that if he had no objections I wanted to send a copy of this paper to you, the Joint Staff and to General Bennett. He concurred readily. I am, therefore, sending copies of this memorandum and its attachment to General Bennett and Admiral Johnson.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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Lt. General Donald V. Bennett

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Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum I have sent to General Wheeler and its attachment, a copy of a note on enemy logistics in Laos prepared at Secretary Laird's request and submitted to him on 23 March.

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cc: Admiral Johnson (Copy No. 3)